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## **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Temporarily Loosens National Correct Coding Initiatives (NCCI) Edits and the Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE)**

In response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) had temporarily loosened the editing levels on some of the National Correct Coding Initiatives (NCCI) Edits and the Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE). As a result of this action, some claim edits which may have set on claims with dates of service prior to January 1, 2020, could potentially not set on a claim processed between April 1, 2020, and September 30, 2020.

On October 1, 2020, the NCCI and MUE edits were returned to the former editing levels in the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).

The CMS action may have also impacted claims that edited with incidental edits. Claims processed between April 1, 2020, and September 30, 2020, that may have edited with an incidental edit may not have set the same edit as claims processed on or after October 1, 2020.